

INTERVIEW SUMMARY/STATEMENT OF GLORIA PHILIPS

Location:	MDPH Lab, Jamaica Plain
Date and Time	12/22/11; 10:00 pm
Interviewer	Steven Chilian, Deputy General Counsel
Union Representation	Declined

The witness, Gloria Philips (GP) stated that she is currently employed at the Lab as an Evidence Officer. Her duties involve processing samples submitted to the Lab for forensic testing to insure compliance with Lab protocols.

GP recalled having a conversation with Elizabeth O'Brien (EO) in June regarding an irregularity in lab protocols. She stated that she recalled being contacted by EO, her supervisor, and asked whether she had assigned any samples to a chemist without scanning it into the Lab's computer tracking system or documenting the transfer in the evidence office log book. According to GP, she responded by stating she would never transfer any samples for testing without creating a record of the transfer as required. She was told that the assigned chemist for the samples in question was Annie Dookhan (AD).

GP stated that when she returned to work at the Lab she met with EO and was provided a copy of the log book and was asked to authenticate her initials. She was unable to do so. She told EO that the entries and that the initials, "GP", were not in her handwriting. She told EO that she did not write the entries. GP stated that EO asked her to keep their conversation private. GP states that she never spoke to AD about it. She has had no further contact with EO about the matter.

I handed the witness a copy of the relevant log book entries and asked her to review them and tell me whether or not they were written by her. She stated that they were not in her handwriting. She explained that she writes her numbers differently and always includes the year, not just the month and day. She also noted that the initials, "AD" that appear in the log book documenting both the transfer to and receipt of the sample appear to have been written by the same person. She was emphatic that she was not the person responsible for writing the entries.

I, Gloria Philips, have been provided an opportunity to review the above interview summary prepared by Steven Chilian and to make any changes. I hereby adopt this summary as my own and declare that that the information contained therein is a true and accurate.

Signed under the penalties of perjury this 9th day of, Feb. 2012.


Gloria Philips